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Young coders simulate innovations to free up medical personnel and save lives during crises such as covid-19

CODE BLESS THE CHILD

Covid-19 inspired boys to code for healthcare sector

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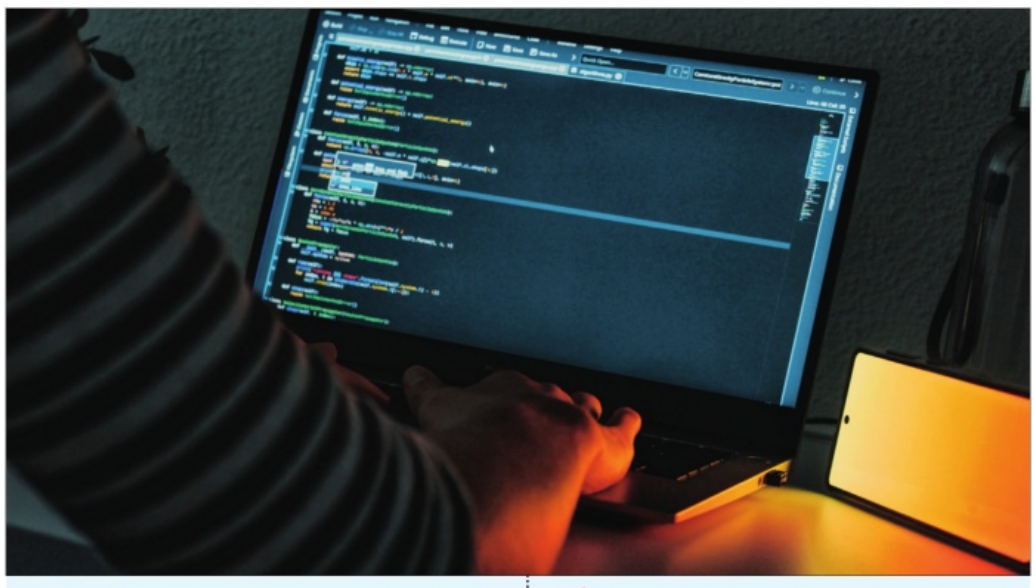

Niranth and Harshvardhan's innovations may help the healthcare industry if their coding prowess is put to use.

The two boys created an innovative model after taking into account the hardships during covid-19 — in terms of staff shortage in hospitals and non-availability of ambulances in times of emergencies.

Thirteen-year-old Harshvardhan, a seventh grader from Geethanjali Vidyalaya, and Niranth B, a fourth standard ward at Freedom International School, are part of SP Robotic Works, where one learns to build and showcase robotics.

The duo developed an innovative transportation system for emergency use, alongside a medical supportive transporter to move medical carts from one end to another at a medical facility without human intervention.

Harshvardhan created the medical supported transport robot at SP Robotics Maker Lab, wherein he coded the robot to perform certain essential tasks, that were extremely curtailed during the last two years of covid-19.

"I selected this project because during the past two years I have seen the consequences of the lack of medical staff in almost every hospital, struggling without support due to the increase in covid-19 cases. I wanted to create a robot which would help doctors and nurses. I do not want them to waste time, pulling and pushing carts of medical items which are essential while attending to the patients. As a result, I have created a supportive transporter which will automatically follow people," Harshvardhan told BM.

In Harshvardhan's innovation, the robot will follow the nurse wherever they go; so they

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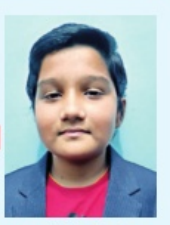
"I really like doing this. I have learnt a lot of programming. Now, I can easily find mistakes in my code and correct it.

— Niranth B, standard IV student



"I wanted to create a robot which would help doctors and nurses... This helps us with more personnel available to attend to patients.

— Harshvardhan, standard VII student

What's BDA's plan for plants?

With 40,000 saplings ready, civic body yet to take up plantation

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The Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) frequently ends up hogging the limelight for wrong reasons. Be it the development of layouts, allotment of sites or even planting saplings, BDA draws flak from the public for reasons best known to it.

BDA has been spending lakhs of rupees to maintain a nursery for supplying saplings for its plantation programmes. The civic body has the bounden duty to plant saplings to compensate for the trees lost while developing layouts. It cut down thousands of trees for developing the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout and Shivaram Karanth Layout; it has to plant 10 saplings for the loss of one tree.

BDA has been maintaining a nursery at Dodda Basti, near Sir M Visvesvaraya Layout. There are around 40,000 well-grown plants ready for plantation there. However, BDA's forest department has been running pillar to post to get higher authorities' nod to take up plantation.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Listen to Javed Ali

Bengalureans, this Saturday, let your hair down and unwind with music sensation Javed Ali's live performance at Alive India in Concert series, Season 8, in partnership with Phoenix Marketcity Bangalore and Chennai. Javed boasts of a solid fan base in the country and is credited with having sung songs in almost every Indian language, and the concert is a must-attend for any music lover.

Where: Phoenix Market city, Whitefield
When: May 28, 6pm onwards
Tickets: Rs 999 onwards, bookmyshow.com

02 Journaling with nature

Green Panther, a venture connecting kids with nature is hosting an engaging workshop for kids on natural journaling and nature activities, as well as a contest to inspire more youngsters to take up nature journaling. Green Panther has designed an activity-based Nature Journal for kids aged 5 to 12 years old that is jam-packed with creative prompts, nature art, colouring pages, and easy-to-fill-in record/observation sheets.

Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb; When: May 28, 11 am – 1 pm
Register: 9727582092/ 8296105847

03 Sunil Grover, live

Indian actor and stand-up comedian Sunil Grover will be performing live at Algorithm by Forum Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield. Famous for his character Gutthi in Comedy Nights with Kapil, Grover has essayed a plethora of supporting roles. His talent was recognized when he acted in India`s first silent comedy Gutur Gu (2010-2014). The actor then essayed the role of Dr Mashoor Gulati in The Kapil Sharma Show, for which he got widespread recognition.

Where: Algorithm by Forum Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield; When: May 27, 7:30 pm onwards
Tickets: Rs 499 onwards, bookmyshow & Paytm Inside.

When junior classrooms had an air of emptiness

Schools say admissions at lower levels are at all-time low as many parents are still apprehensive

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A half-empty classroom during prayer time at a school in the city (file)

While many kids and parents could not wait for classrooms to reopen, schools are now claiming that the number of applications for enrolment in lower classes is at an all-time low.

"On average, we used to get around 80 to 100 admissions every academic cycle. However, this year, we have received only about 40-50 applications. More than 50 per cent of the seats in nursery, LKG and UKG are vacant in our school," said Kiran Prasad, principal, Vidya Vaibhav Public School.

According to D Shashi Kumar, secretary of the Association of Primary and Secondary schools of Karnataka, the situation is much worse in other primary schools in the city.

"As per the reports from our schools, very few parents have turned up for admissions in lower classes. Hardly 25 to 30 per cent of the seats are occupied in our schools. This is the problem in some of the major private schools across the city too," said Kumar.

From the fear of the fourth wave of covid-19 to parents falling out of the academic cycle routine, schools say, restoring business as usual might take a couple of years. However, for this cycle at least, the admission process will now be stretched over the next few months.

"Many parents are worried about the fourth wave of covid-19, also because these children are unvaccinated. Fewer applications can also be due to the two-year gap in the school cycle owing to the covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. While we are expecting to have 60-70 per cent normalcy by June, business as usual might take a couple of academic cycles," said Prasad.

Experts have expressed concerns over learning requirements of the early years. They say the pandemic has created a delusion among some parents that learning can happen online and from home.

"The pandemic has given many parents this false assurance. However, they need to realize if basic learning is compromised, long-term effects will be visible soon. Around 12 per cent - 15 per cent of the children that attend formal schooling are those with invisible learning disabilities such as dyslexia, autism, SLD and ADSD. These children will be the victims of parents' misconception," added Kumar.

> **"Parents are afraid as these kids are unvaccinated; two-year gap also to blame**
> – Kiran Prasad, Principal, Vidya Vaibhav Public School

Overall, a lukewarm response

Some city schools that reopened on Monday after the summer vacation have reported thin attendance.

"Only about 30 per cent of the students have come back. The fact that the schools reopened early this year can be one reason. Moreover, this is also the festival and marriage season in many parts in the state. We are expecting the attendance to improve over the fortnight," added Prasad. While schools made it a point to intimate parents about early reopening through messages and emails, attendance has been poor.

"Around 50 per cent of our children have come back for offline classes. There should not be any confusion regarding the reopening date as we had intimated them through messages," said MN Natesh Kumar, principal of Gurukul International School.

BBMP in action

As offline classes have returned, the Health Department of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has swung into action. According to Dr AS Balasundar, Chief Health Officer, Health Department, BBMP, the pace of vaccination drives on campuses will now get accelerated.

"While we conducted camps during the summer vacation too, we could not vaccinate all the children. The drive will soon cover all the children in the age group of 12 to 17," said Dr Balasundar.

Folks, tune in to Javed Ali, live

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Bollywood buffs in Bengaluru, we've got good news for you. The-much loved Alive India in Concert series is back in the city with Season 8, in partnership with Phoenix Marketcity Bangalore and Chennai. Bangalore Mirror is a media partner for the event.

What's more, this time, music phenomenon Javed Ali will entertain the crowd in the live performance on May 28.

The man behind countless tunes

No stranger to the music scene in India, Javed is credited with having sung songs in Hindi, Bengali, Odia, Punjabi, Gujarati, Marathi, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil and even Urdu and Nepali. While the Delhi-born singer has been part of the music industry from 2000, he shot to fame with the particularly melodious 'Jashn-e-Bahara' track from Jodha Akbar in 2008.

Equally evergreen tunes from other films such as 'Kun Faya Kun' (Rockstar), 'Arziya' (Delhi-6) and the beautiful title track of 'Jab Tak Hai Jaan' have given him a solid fan base in India in the years to come.

Alive India in Concerts

Since 2012, the series has discovered & showcased over 1,000 emerging stars from schools, colleges & corporate houses, and have not only provided a platform to youngsters, but have also helped create unforgettable music experiences for countless Indians, transcending borders, language, caste and creed.

So folks, if you are mulling how to spend the weekend, do book your tickets for the music experience of a lifetime.

Tickets: https://in.bookmyshow.com/events/alive-india-in-concert-season-8/ET00327242

Count the trees already

So far 1 lakh trees enumerated. Since then process has been slow

Forest Dept's tree census is inching along slowly due to limited manpower and intricate formalities

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The Bengaluru Urban Division of the Department of Forest has made little progress on ground with its tree census taken up a few months back. The department is supposed to conduct a census in the city on large pieces of land that are held privately or are owned or occupied by government organisations.

SS Ravishankar, Deputy Conservator of Forests (Bengaluru Urban), told BM that the exercise is going on at a slow pace due to limited manpower and other intricacies involved in the process. The department had enumerated one lakh trees a couple of months back, but not much has moved since then.

"One lakh trees have been enumerated and the process is still on. The exercise is going on at a slow pace. To conduct the survey, we need to provide prior information to the institutions and get permission. This process is time-consuming. However, we will soon pick up the pace and accelerate the census," said Ravishankar.

As per the officials, the exercise is expected to document the trees on all the government institutions and educational institutions' campuses that have good tree density and population. "We are not looking at BBMP parks and roadside trees, as these will come under the tree census to be taken up by the BBMP. While we have limited manpower, we are using it to its full potential. Through the census, we are identifying the tree species along with tree girth and other parameters. Simultaneously, we are feeding all the information in our app. It's a herculean task and we are trying to complete it as soon as possible. It will take a long time as we require personnel to carry out the work on the ground," said Ravishankar.

Notably, a PIL had been filed by the Bengaluru Environment Trust in Karnataka High Court highlighting certain defects in the way tree census has been carried out.

"The data uploaded by the department does not show geotagging. Moreover, the survey should also include pictures of the trees. The reports by the department do not include relevant details of each tree such as the approximate age of the tree, economic value, scientific name, flowering season etc. We also highlighted in the petition filed to the court that while nearly 44 years have passed since the tree act was enacted, there has been no proper implementation of the provisions of tree census as per the act," said Dattatraya Devare, trustee of Bengaluru Environment Trust.

Ecologists and activists also say that there should be a sense of urgency about the census, and it must be conducted in areas where trees are already being considered by the Tree Expert Committee to be felled or translocated. The census will not only throw up the official number of trees left in the city but will also help us recognise ecologically important areas in our urban landscape. "Trees are being chopped off or translocated in the name of development in the city on an everyday basis. This situation makes it imperative that we conduct the tree census on priority. It will give us an idea of how many trees are there in the city and will also help us understand the ecologically important areas. However, lethargy on part of the bureaucracy is astonishing. Not only should the census be done, but the data should also be publicly available," said TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

> **We are identifying trees and feeding info in our app simultaneously. It is a herculean task**
> –SS Ravishankar, DCF (B'luru Urban)

"Manpower shortage as an excuse is not acceptable. This is something that has not happened in the last 35 years since the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act was enacted. Initially, the officials cited the covid-19 pandemic as the reason for the delay and now it is manpower shortage," said an eminent city-based environmentalist.

8 killed in accident; PM, CM announce ex-gratia

Eight people were killed and over 20 others injured in an accident involving a private bus and a truck on the Hubballi-Dharwad bypass road near here, during the early hours of Tuesday, police said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each to the next of kin of those deceased and Rs 50,000 for the injured while Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has announced Rs 5 lakh each to the family of deceased.

The bus was heading from Kolhapur in Maharashtra to Bengaluru, while the truck was coming in the opposite direction.

The incident occurred when the bus driver allegedly lost control while trying to overtake a tractor and hit the truck head-on, police said.

Six people died on the spot and two subsequently succumbed to injuries in hospital, they said, adding, the deceased include two drivers of the bus and the truck driver. The injured have been shifted to Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) Hospital in Hubballi.

Those with minor injuries left the hospital after getting required treatment; some of them went back to Kolhapur, officials said.

"Pained by the loss of lives due to a mishap in Hubli, Karnataka. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. May the injured recover soon: PM @narendramodi," PMO India tweeted.

"An ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh each from PMNRF (Prime Minister's National Relief Fund) would be given to the next of kin of those who lost their lives due to the mishap in Hubli. The injured would be given Rs 50,000: PM @narendramodi," another tweet said. **PTI**

Harassment or drive against illegal immigrants?

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The Bengaluru rural police, especially the Anugondanahalli and Sarjapur police are conducting drives to identify Bangladeshi immigrants working as domestic helps, garbage collectors or ragpickers and are taking up cases against them if they turn out to be illegal immigrants.

But this drive is disastrously affecting even people from West Bengal. Many allege they are being harassed and sometimes assaulted by cops who are warning contractors to stay away from employing Muslims from Bengal. "Forget Bangladeshis, we 'tekhedars' (contractors) have been warned not to employ any Bengali muslims by the police who stormed into the shanties of the migrant labourers in Anugondanahalli and Sarjapur," said Anand Reddy (50), a BBMP contractor who also runs a plastic granules factory close-by where around 20-25 women from Bengal work. "All these people have Aadhaar cards and other documentation which shows they are from West Bengal, but the police would not listen to them or even the head contractor," Reddy added.

Rag pickers are a key link to city's crumbling garbage management

Around 120 families live at labour shanties in Anugondanahalli. They eke out a living from segregating dry and wet waste and identifying plastic items to be recycled. "A couple of days ago, a police sub-inspector stormed into the shanties and asked everyone to produce their documentation. Even if we said we had papers to show that they are from West Bengal, the cops did not listen. They also threatened the contractors not to employ any Bengali Muslims as they are 'dangerous'," said R Kaleem Ullah, an office bearer of an NGO - All India Shramik Swaraj Kendra.

"It's a violation of human rights as these people with their families try to eke out a living from garbage segregation," Kaleem added.

There are around 100 families staying near Varthur and everyone works near Kundalahalli gate. "If we have indulged in any crime or have been a nuisance, then let the police put us in jail. We are Indians and still the police say we are Bangladeshis," said Toofan, who hails from Kolkata. Toofan is also a garbage contractor.

> **If they do not work for a day, the city will suffer. The break will affect garbage management** –R Kaleem Ullah, All India Shramik Swaraj Kendra

A senior police officer from Anugondanahalli police station told this newspaper that there has not been any assault or harassment on the migrant population. "Each and every migrant labourer including their family members are being checked and verified if they are the natives of this country, and if they are not, then the cases under appropriate sections under the Foriegner's Act are being invoked and legal action taken against the culprits," said a senior police officer.

Builders, Palike has a word of advice for you

Civic authority mulls issuing guidelines on reviewing and constructing basements to reduce incidents of such spaces being flooded during rains

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A basement of a high-rise building flooded due to the rains (file picture)

With countless Bengalureans complaining of having their basements flooded due to the rains, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) plans to issue fresh instructions to builders while constructing basements for parking.

BBMP's Special Commissioner (Projects) Ravindra PN said, "Many cars were damaged and drowned during the recent flash floods in the Bengaluru. This calls for a review of the construction. So, we are planning for a system where the building plan can be evaluated based on the location."

He added that if the building is being constructed in a low-lying area which is prone to flooding, then during the sanction plan, the builder can be told to increase the height of the basement so that there is no flooding or damage to vehicles parked in the basement.

However, as a first step, now BBMP is asking all the buildings with basements to have a water pumpset. This pumpset is needed to flush out the water stored during rains.

During last week's rainfall which caused havoc in the Bengaluru, many basements were flooded. Since many houses/apartment complexes with basements didn't have pumpsets, people dialled the BBMP control room for help. However, as Palike had limited pumpsets, timely help was not provided. As a result, many vehicles which were drowned in the water for a long time had technical issues and had to be fixed.

As per the Central Government's guidelines on building construction, the basement should have the following requirements: every basement shall be in every part at least 2.5 metre in height from the floor to underside of the roof slab or ceiling and with maximum height not more than 4.5 metre.

Temporary shelters to be set up

Like north Karnataka, Bengaluru may soon have temporary shelters to provide rehabilitation for people affected by floods. Ravindra said, "During the recent rainfall, we observed that many homes were flooded and people had to shift to their relatives' homes. So, we have now been asked to identify schools, colleges and community halls in every constituency."

He explained that these places will be kept as standby spaces so that they could shift people affected and provide them temporary accommodation and food for a day or two till the situation was under control. Ward-wise disaster relief teams with members from fire, forest, BESCOM, BWSSB and BBMP will also be a part of it.

> **If the building is being constructed in a low-lying area, the builder can be told to increase the height of the basement**
>
> –Ravindra PN, BBMP's Special Commissioner (Projects)

Majority of potholes unrepaired

Bengaluru has an official count of 11,092 potholes now. Ravindra said, "So far, 11,092 potholes have been surveyed under 'Fix My Street' app. Out of these, 5,119 potholes are in the process of being fixed. BBMP officials claimed that their mission was to fix maximum potholes before the onset of monsoon. However, as of now, it looks unlikely."

The reasons for this according to him were: the incessant rainfall in Bengaluru was hampering the pothole-filling work. With rainfall predicted for a few more days, the work may get delayed. Meanwhile, many residents were also alleging that the potholes were not filled scientifically and as a result, they were resurfacing.

However, Ravindra claimed that the civic agency was doing a good job. He also claimed that the recent white-topped roads were of good quality and during their survey, they found least damage to those roads.

Not a tree planted in 2 years

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"We have not taken up plantation for the last two years due to lack of funds. We have sent a proposal to the higher authorities seeking funds," said BDA's forest officer.

According to a BDA source, five to six people are working at the nursery and the civic body has been spending around Rs 60,000 per month towards their wages. BDA has been spending around Rs 2 lakh per month towards salaries of people working in the forest department.

"We are maintaining the nursery at a civic amenity site. The nursery has five to six varieties of saplings. As of now, we are four people apart from daily wagers working at the nursery," the forest officer said.

It is believed, the BDA forest department has managed to plant only a few thousands of saplings at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout all these years. "We want the BDA forest department to plant as many varieties of saplings as possible at this layout for the benefit of humans as well as birds. The other problem with the BDA forest department is the lack of maintenance. They forget about the saplings as soon as the plantation drive is over," said Surya Kiran, spokesperson, NPKL Open Forum.

Meanwhile, social activist Sai Datta stressed the civic body's forest department has to take up plantation drives as per the National Green Tribunal directive of planting 10 saplings for cutting one tree. "Why should the BDA have a forest department if it has no intention of planting saplings? Let it handover the authority to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for planting saplings at the layouts developed by the BDA," Datta told BM.

However, BDA commissioner Rajesh Gowda has agreed that planting of saplings did not take place in the last two years. "I hope to get approval to take up the plantation drive during the BDA board meeting. We will take up the drive shortly," the commissioner said.

According to a source, the proposal sent for funds has been pending with the additional chief secretary of the Urban Development Department for quite a long time.w

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A signboard is blocked at KR Circle, in front of UVCE from a long time. This could potentially confuse pedestrians and commuters.

Hell of a road
Shivajinagar

This is the pathetic condition of Shivajinagar's OPH Road that houses Jumma Masjid, near Vardaman Jewellers.

Slush pond
Saraipalya

In just five minutes of rain, the roads near Saraipalya become a wetland; repeated complaints to BBMP have failed to resolve the issue. It is also a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

You may hit the gym, but not that hard

Doctors suggest it is better to take it slow as trying to get back in shape in a hurry can cause injuries

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If you are trying to shed the extra kilos you gained during the pandemic, take it slow, say health experts. This, after an increase in gym-related injury cases, especially among people trying to get back to being fit. Doctors say people are walking in with knee injuries, shoulder bursitis, shin splints, disc prolapse and nerve compression issues. The injuries are mostly due to improper lifting techniques such as using back muscles instead of legs and twisting while lifting.

"With more and more people hitting the gyms to get back in shape after the pandemic, there has been an increase in cases of exercise-related injuries. The number of such cases has gone up by around 15% in the last couple of months," Dr. Umesh Srikantha, neurosurgeon and head of spine services, Aster CMI Hospital.

Health experts warn against overexercising or pushing yourself beyond the limit. Unaccustomed exercise without adequate training and overindulging in heavy workouts to achieve quick results can do more harm than good, they said. While a majority of the cases are muscle and spinal ligament strains, some severe cases also include disc prolapse and nerve compression.

"A slipped disc can be quite painful and can cause numbness or weakness in the limbs. When a slipped disc bulges into the spinal canal, it exerts pressure on the spinal nerves and pinches them, causing pain. Nerve compression occurs when a nerve is squeezed or compacted," said Dr. Sanjay Prasad Hegde, senior orthopedics consultant at Manipal Hospital.

Many of gym-related injuries are due to improper lifting techniques such as using back muscles instead of legs and twisting while lifting

Exercising without warm-up sessions, especially after a long gap, is yet another reason behind these injuries. People trying to compensate by doing rigorous exercise without proper guidance and the gradual step-up regime are the ones falling prey.

"We have seen people with a sedentary lifestyle, prolonged sitting periods and improper posture during the pandemic, which probably resulted in a weak and stiff spine. When they put an abnormal sudden load on a weak spine, it leads to an injured lower back. Sudden weightlifting, if done improperly, can cause a herniation of a disc in the lumbar spine," added Dr Hegde. Experts say it is important to warm up before exercise. This allows the body to loosen up the muscles. A five-minute warmup is critical for better performance and fewer injuries.

> **"When they put an abnormal sudden load on a weak spine, it leads to an injured lower back**
> – Dr Sanjay Hegde, Manipal Hospital

"Always include a pre-work-out warm-up before you begin. Most injuries are caused when weights are lifted in an unsafe way. Use your leg muscles to do the lifting, not your back. Leg muscles are very powerful and can lift more weight than your back muscles can. Avoid bending over at the waist to pick up something heavy. Bend at the knees instead," said an orthopedic consultant.

Reel cute, but don't go on dog-shopping spree

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With a new Kannada movie Charlie 777 all set to hit the screens, animal activists are a bit wary. Reason? Occupying centrestage in the film that hits the silver screen on June 10 not only in Karnataka but also in other states, is a labrador. Dog-lovers are afraid that this will drive a frenzy among the movie goers to shop for these active and playful breed of dogs.

"We have approached the animal husbandry department to advise the producer of the movie to include a disclaimer on Labradors at the start of the movie. Some people may buy Labradors expecting similar action or behaviour as the Labrador shown in the movie," said Arun Prasad, an animal activist.

Sadhana Hegde, a pet lover, said many people adopted dogs during the pandemic, but some have been abandoning those pets after the lockdown was lifted. "As of now, 10 pets are being abandoned on an average per day. We receive messages on pets being abandoned every day. This is why I have submitted an application to the animal husbandry and veterinary sciences seeking a direction to the producer of Charlie 777 to include a disclaimer on the Labrador used in the movie," said Hegde.

She said that illegal breeders see this as an opportunity and breed many genetically defective pups and throw them on the road or the buyer finds the defect and abandons them on the road. "I have also sent a letter to the producer of the movie. I am yet to receive a reply from him," she said.

Animal activists suggest more people should be encouraged to adopt indies as several are awaiting adoption in the city

> **"This message is critical, as in Bengaluru at least 10 labradors get abandoned daily**
> – Umapathy, Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry & Vet Science

Meanwhile, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science Deputy Director Umapathy has sent a letter to Pramvah Studios advising the inclusion of a disclaimer suggesting that the audiences exercise caution and not buy dogs driven by emotions after watching the film. They also suggest people be advised to adopt dogs and not shop for them if they are very clear on bringing a dog home.

"This message is critical in the movie, as in Bengaluru alone at least 10 labradors get abandoned every day and rehabilitating these dogs is a challenge," said the Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences.

He said Indian dogs have few takers and close to 500 dogs are awaiting adoption. "This will only increase and make the lives of many dogs miserable if not handled carefully. We trust that the team would have done enough research to understand the plight of Indies and abandoned breed dogs," the Deputy Director said. He advised the producer of the movie to send a copy of the warning message if he already has it ready.

"If not, we recommend you include it," he said.

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Symptoms and remedies to get rid of dandruff

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Is your scalp itchy and greasy? There's a chance that you have dandruff. According to research, it affects up to fifty percent of people due to dry hair, sensitivity to certain products, fungal growth, and other factors. Dandruff is caused by a variety of factors, but it ultimately impacts a person's personality and hair condition. Learn more about causes and remedies for dandruff.

Symptoms

Dandruff is characterised by white flakes and an itchy, scaly, oily scalp. "There is a good possibility that you have dandruff if you have obvious white flakes of dead skin on your scalp that get loose in your hair. Other symptoms include an itchy scalp, greasy or dry scales on the scalp, and yellowish to reddish scaly raised bumps along the hairline.

It can also affect the eyebrows, groin, armpits, chest, upper back, ears, and sides of the nose, among other areas containing oil glands. This condition is known as cradle cap in infants," explains Arpan Madhai Beck, Founder, of Treato who says it's a common problem, but it's not as basic as it may seem, as it frequently overlaps with seborrheic dermatitis, a chronic form of eczema, and other skin illnesses that cause a scaly scalp.

Pro Tip: Dandruff is difficult to characterize, so it's always safe to see an expert in extreme cases.

Causes

Dandruff is caused due to various reasons which even include a person's lifestyle, age and climatic conditions. "The cause of dandruff is an excess of Malassezia yeast on your skin, as well as too much oil on your scalp. As a result of the extra oil, skin cells accumulate and then shed.

Over-shampooing and over-drying the scalp, as well as not shampooing enough, can cause skin cells to accumulate, resulting in flaking and itching," says Hinshara Habeeb & Yuba Khan, Co-Founder, Manetain who feels, over-brushing the hair on your head, which causes excessive friction with the sensitive skin on your scalp, can cause your scalp to become red and itchy. "It can also be caused by a number of personal care products," Hinshara adds.

Pro Tip: Even stress can aggravate dandruff.

Dry Scalp

Dandruff may appear to be caused by a dry scalp, but it can also be caused by various other factors. "Dry skin can occur everywhere on the body, including the scalp. Although the symptoms of dry scalp and dandruff are similar, the causes and treatments are not the same," says Yuba.

Pro Tip: Most people with dandruff do not need to see a doctor, but if it becomes severe, they should consult a dermatologist.

Shampooing Enough

The first thing you should do if your scalp flakes are to wash them more frequently to remove scales. Constant shampooing, on the other hand, is drying, unpleasant, and inconvenient for hair. "In moderate cases, look for a mixture that will keep your scalp balanced while also keeping your hair clean. If not, regular hair spas could also be the solution.

Hair spa treatments are good anti-dandruff treatments because they eliminate impurities and toxins from the scalp while also maintaining the oil balance and your hair salon should look for all-natural solutions that will nourish your hair more effectively. Dandruff can be caused by any style that isn't washed on a regular basis, like hair extensions, braids, dreads, or frequently wearing wigs — especially if the scalp isn't cleansed," says Arpan Madhai.

Pro Tip: It is necessary to prevent the spread of dandruff by shampooing but with a sense of balance.

Allergic

People are allergic to a wide range of goods and even food elements, which creates a variety of problems with their bodies and hair. Whether you have lately had dandruff, it is a good idea to go back and see if you have eaten or used something new that may have prompted dandruff. "You could be allergic to shampoo, conditioner, or other product that comes into contact with your scalp. If this is the case, you'll probably have an itching rash on your scalp and any other skin the product comes in contact with," says Arpan Madhai.

Pro Tip: When you experiment with a new product on your hair, you almost always experience this issue at some point.

Yeast Overgrowth

Experts feel that a small bit of yeast on the skin is normal and causes no concerns. However, an infection can occur if too much of this type of yeast grows. "It's more prone to occur when a particular portion of your body is unusually moist and not exposed to a free flow of air. Candida that results in dandruff flourishes in warm, damp environments, but you can have a yeast infection on your scalp even if you don't have these circumstances. Yeast infections can appear anywhere on or inside the body including your feet, fingernails, and scalp," explains the founders of Manetain, Hinshara, and Yuba.

Pro Tip: Itching may develop as the skin gets inflamed due to yeast overgrowth, prompting scratching, which causes additional inflammation.

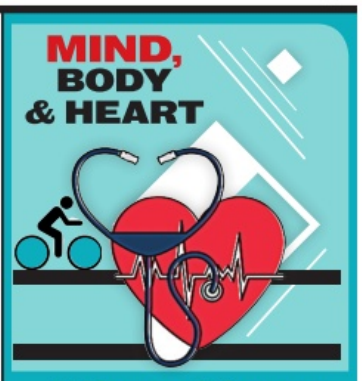
Home Remedies

Dandruff is your body's way of informing you that something isn't working properly. It's usually linked to diet, hydration, or stress. "Eating fruits and vegetables, exercising, and resting are the greatest ways to prevent dandruff. Additionally, avoid harsh products that deplete your hair's natural nutrients.

Incorporate hot oil treatments as well as herbal rinses into your hair care routine," reveals Arpan Madhai who lists down a few additional home remedies that one can apply on a daily basis that can permanently eliminate dandruff.

"In order to complete all of this, you must first prepare specific components and mix them together properly. For instance: Apple cider vinegar with a quarter cup of water, a teaspoon of lemon juice mixed with 1 cup of water, and baking soda, aloe vera, and coconut oil should all help," she adds.

Pro Tip: Wash your hair thrice a week if you have an oily scalp.



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Dear Coleen

My parents' married life is a mess. They're both in their late 40s and I think they're having some sort of joint midlife crisis. They had me when they were only 22 and my brother came along two years later, so they had a lot of responsibility early on. They party a lot and drink too much, but the worst thing is, they also mess about with other people. My mum is a massive flirt and I know she's had flings with other men. My dad left her for four months and moved in with a local girl who's not much older than I am. Obviously, it didn't last. I resent them and feel like I have to be the adult, but mostly I just avoid them. Their behaviour has also turned me off relationships and I just can't commit, even if I really like the person. Please help!

COLEEN SAYS

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Be vigilant if you have a history of travel to African countries

With countries like United States and United Kingdom detecting monkey pox virus cases, the union health ministry also put India's public health officials at ports, airports and land borders on alert to keep a watch on symptomatic international travellers from Africa arriving in India. Bangalore Mirror spoke to a few health professionals in the city to find out more about this illness. All doctors suggested keeping a vigil for symptoms and report if any at an early stage.

So far, the World Health Organization (WHO) has said that monkeypox cases have been confirmed in 11 countries. Monkeypox is said to be most common in remote parts of Central and West Africa. A rare viral infection, it is usually mild and one can recover in a few weeks.

Dr. Bindumathi PL Sr. Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital, said, "The virus does not spread easily between people and the risk to the wider public is said to be very low but WHO stated that it can be spread from close contact with bodily fluids, such as saliva from coughing, close contact with respiratory secretions, skin lesions of an infected person or recently contaminated objects. The symptoms of monkeypox are similar to but milder than the symptoms of smallpox and most people recover in a few weeks."

Doctors also asked those with immune deficiency to be extra-careful. Dr. SN Aravinda, Aster RV Hospital, said that people with immune deficiencies need to be cautious.

Not much concern

"We haven't seen any cases of monkeypox here so there is no cause of concern. However, if one is planning to travel to Africa or will be visiting places where cases have been detected, they need to take necessary precautions. People with immune deficiencies should be doubly cautious.

The disease has symptoms similar to smallpox -- eruptions of lesions, fever, fatigue, headache, body pain, etc. It is a virus, so it can spread through cough or sneeze droplets, bodily fluids. One should consult a physician if there is any doubt."

Children of code

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need not have a separate person for this.

"This helps us with more personnel available to attend to patients. With this project, I feel there will be better utilisation of great minds like doctors and nurses to help patients and also we could save a lot of lives, which were lost because of non-availability of staff to attend to, during a catastrophe like covid-19," he added.

Niranth B's focus was on the emergency rescue unit. "As we all know, with growing numbers of vehicles, our transportation is not able to handle the increased demand, due to which we are facing a lot of difficulties. Transportation systems are very important for facilities such as schools, and hospitals. I created a simulation of a hospital transport system where you have to pick patients suffering from chronic conditions, and during emergencies, thereafter drop them in respective hospitals. I wanted to make sure no lives are lost due to the increased number of vehicles on roads," said Niranth.

Both students participated in the national coding and robotics challenge (NCRC), a platform for children aged between 7-16, where they can start from the basics and learn to code. The NCRC is a national coding and robotic challenge where the young are presented with a problem and they have to come up with different ideas to resolve it. Niranth's and Harshvardhan's innovations were selected from lakhs of submissions.

Niranth said, "I initially thought robotics was all about mechanical stuff; but it has electronics, programming and project planning. It helps me think creatively and resolve simple problems. I have completed a lot of projects like this. Learning is very interesting and fun for me. It is as though a video game is real. I really like doing this. I have learnt a lot of programming. Now, I can easily find mistakes in my code and correct it."

BBMP halts road work at lake buffer zone for now

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has temporarily suspended road construction near Pattandur Agrahara lake following a direction from the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA). However, BBMP said that they will continue to push for the project as it will benefit countless citizens.

"The suspension of work by BBMP Major Roads is a welcome relief, though it is by no means a reason to cheer yet. Until the illegal project is cancelled, the RMP 2015 is amended by BDA, and the necessary corrections of mistakes by BDA are made, we cannot rest," said lake activist Sandeep Anirudhan.

Speaking about the move by the civic body, BBMP CE(Road and Infrastructure), BS Prahald said, "We will clarify with the KTCDA regarding the road work. There should be a basis for us to do the road project without disturbing the buffer zone. The buffer zone is the reserved place where water can collect and redrain.

Without buffer zones, people would construct houses in the area and case of flooding could lead to loss of life and property." He questioned when previously roads have been constructed on buffer zones what is wrong in implementing roads now and noted that even national highway often pass through various buffer zones.

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KTCDA to Pattandur Agrahara lake rescue
Authority asks BBMP to pause building in the lake's buffer zone, will write to BDA to add lake as part of RMP 2015

BM had reported on May 21 that KTCDA had finally put a pause to construction in Pattandur Lake's buffer zone

Entry-level pay at IT firms still not much to write home about

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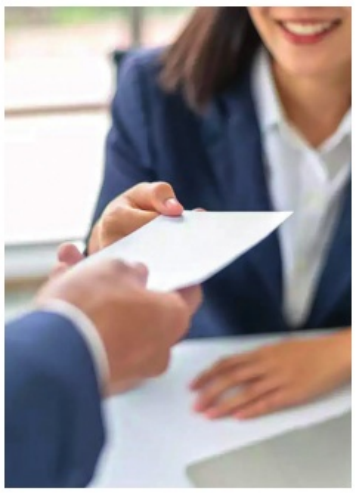

> **With covid and job loss, students are eager to get into jobs at the earliest** – A recruiter

After a lull for the last two years, campus hiring has picked up in city colleges. Like the previous years, many students want to get into IT companies. However, many companies are still paying low salaries to entry-level employees. In fact, the average pay for a fresher in many IT companies is in the range of Rs 3.5 lakh to Rs 4.5 lakh per annum. HR experts say entry level salary hasn't changed much in a few years.

According to a recent report by ET Now, hiring is at an all-time high in many companies with a boom in the employment sector, especially IT. Software engineers are in great demand as many companies are facing high levels of attrition. The report says that in some of the companies attrition is as high as 20%. The report states that the entry level salary in bigger IT companies are at bare minimum as freshers are paid in the range of Rs 3.5 lakh-Rs 4 lakh per annum. Many graduates have no option but to take these low-level salaries as there are not many jobs.

Reports say that around 30 to 40% of the IT graduates are never placed due to a greater supply than demand. According to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) data, around 31 lakh students had enrolled into engineering colleges in 2020-21 and only 6.5 lakh of them got placed. HR professionals say that with the increase in digitisation, companies were looking for specific roles. Freshers with skills in Java, data analysis, cloud could have brighter chances of getting a bigger salary in the range of Rs 6.5 lakh per annum.

Jang Bahadur Singh, head, IT sector, AON India told ET Now recently that one had to look at the structure of the IT companies and why salaries were at different levels. "If you look at entry-level salaries for tier three segments, salaries paid at entry level in 2016 was around Rs 4 lakh and today, it could have marginally increased by 20%. However, in tier one colleges, the students were paid Rs 10 lakh per annum salary in 2016 and today, it could have gone up to Rs 14 lakh per annum," Singh told ET. Sashi Kumar, MD, Indeed India told the channel that salary is an outcome of demand and supply. "Despite all this, the IT sector attracts a lot of talent. Those who have gained four to five years experience can see a dramatic increase in pay."

A recruiter from an engineering college in the city said, with covid and job loss, many students want to get into jobs at the earliest. "So, even companies who are trying to cash in on the situation are offering lower salaries to the students," he said.

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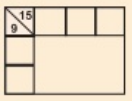
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

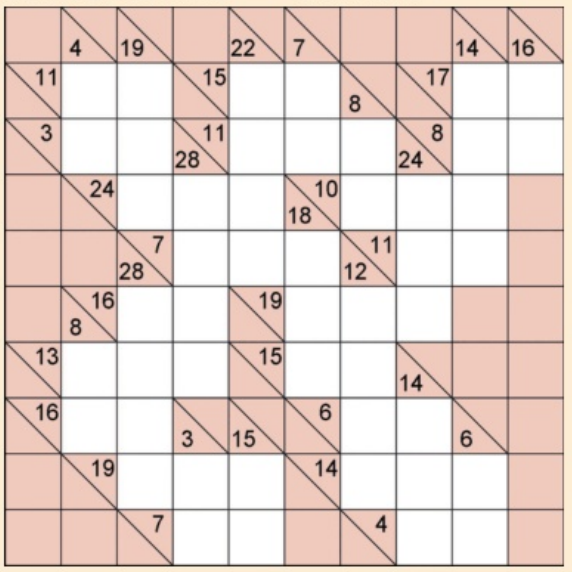
Bill and Joe guess people's weights. Bill always guesses 10% too low and Joe always guesses 10% too high. The difference between their guesses of Mary's weight is 24 pounds. What is Mary's weight?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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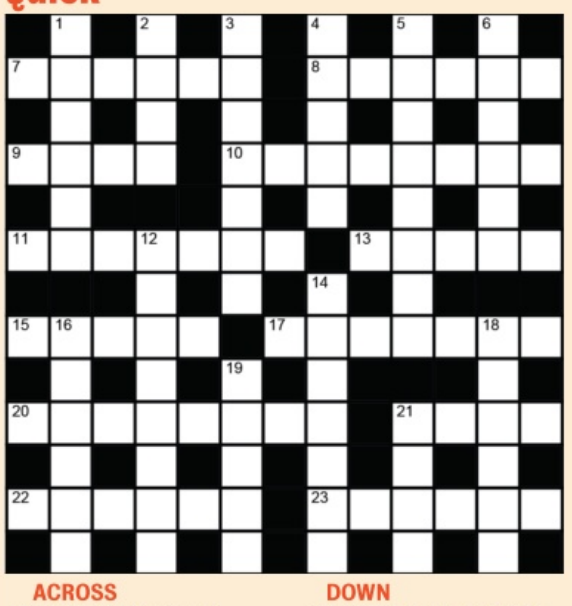


ACROSS

7 New World Symphony composer (6)
8 A time some way away (6)
9 Well-ventilated (4)
10 Half-hearted (4-4)
11 Gun, rifle or pistol (4-3)
13 Quick and energetic (5)
15 Decrepit dwelling (5)
17 Manages with whatever is available (5,2)
20 Underground cemetery (8)
21 Gave on loan (4)
22 Sergeant of Beatles fame (6)
23 Opening chess move (6)

DOWN

1 Fourth President of India (1,1,4)
2 Dull (4)
3 A small songbird (7)
4 Has a job (5)
5 Ivory colour (3-5)
6 Catch-"parent" anagram? (6)
12 Embraces; grips tightly? (8)
14 Bangalore's famed botanical gardens (7)
16 The abode of God! (6)
18 Exhausted or killed? (4,2)
19 Marriage settlement (5)
21 Wilted; not stiff (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS W

OV UYK YSDIM DOME PIW WODBZK KMRSNY UR SMEKTWUIME, PK'E GK URR WODBZK UR SMEKTWUIME OU.

Linemaro

You are so sweet, I could become diabetic

Mindchow

Life would be perfect if Anger had a mute button, Mistake had a back button, Hard Times a fast forward button and Good Times a pause button

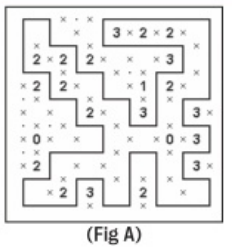
Joke of the day

A backward poet writes in re-verse

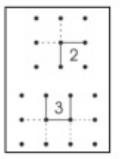
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

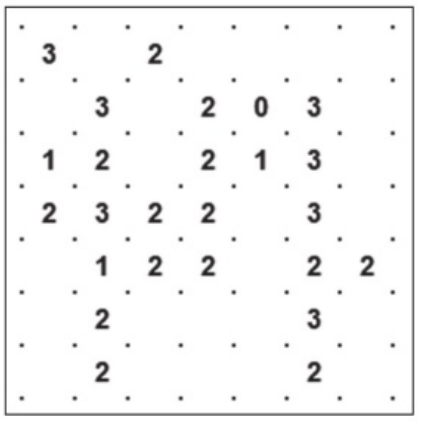


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

ACROSS

1 Boers; 6 Tiara;
7 Rakes; 8 Whale;
9 Slink

DOWN

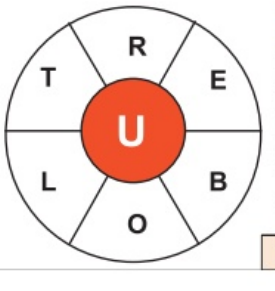
1 Raw LB; 2 Irish;
3 One AK; 4 Stake;
5 Laser

Mensapuzzle

What areX and Y?

7 8 6 9 5 10 X Y

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

16 Average; 18 Good; 20 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		1		6	3			5
	9			2		4	7	
					1			3
			1				5	6
8								2
6	1				7			
4			7					
	8	7		3			6	
5			2	4		3		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

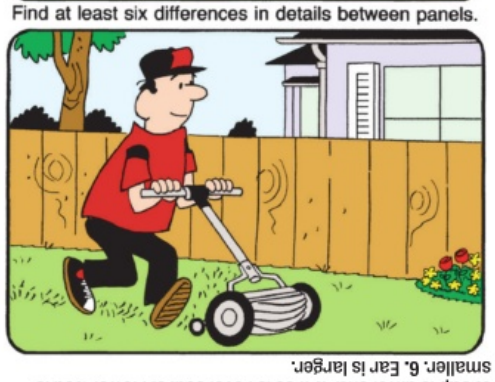
Easy = 3
2 6 8 9

Medium = 4
3 5 6 8

Hard = 14
2 2 6 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bush is moved. 2. Shutter is added. 3. Cap is different. 4. Tree is reversed. 5. Flower bed is smaller. 6. Ear is larger.

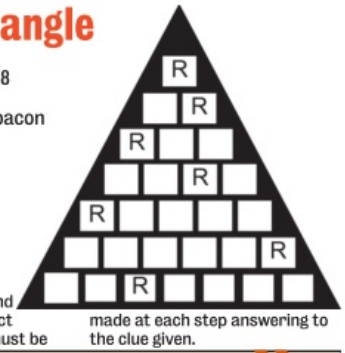
Riddler

When you behead a word, you remove the first letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Happy, joyous -> Youth; boy
2. Precious metal -> Advanced in years
3. Increase in size -> Move a boat with oars
4. Large boat with oars -> Narrow back street

Alpha triangle

1 18th letter
2 Atomic number 18
3 Hightailed it
4 Bring home the bacon
5 Indian queen
6 Ingratiate
7 Incensed



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YOU KNOW SOMETHING, REDEYE?...
HIC-CUP HIC-CUP HIC-CUP HIC-CUP
3-11
IF IT WASN'T FOR THE HICCUPS, YOU WOULDN'T GET ANY EXERCISE AT ALL!
HIC-CUP HIC-CUP HIC-CUP

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

SO... WOULD YOU LIKE TO INVITE YOUR DAD TO THE PAGEANT?
DO YOU THINK HE'D COME?
THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH YOUR DAD: HE RUNS ON HIS OWN SCHEDULE. SO IT DEPENDS ON THE DAY.
WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE WE'RE SCHEDULING A DENTIST APPOINTMENT?

Crankshaft

THEN WE AGREE THAT ANOTHER CONTRACT DEMAND SHOULD BE THAT ANYONE WHO ENDS UP WITH THE GUNTHER TWINS ON THEIR ROUTE...
SHOULD GET COMBAT PAY!
AND PTSD COUNSELING!
3-18
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be happy and feel very active, which may boost your self-confidence. You are advised to avoid delay in making decisions in terms of finance, profession and academics. Sometimes, you may face self respect issues with the spouse; you are advised to keep patient, which may help maintain domestic harmony. Love birds may go for short trips.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is not a good day for you. You may feel dull and dissatisfied at every moment. You may be a victim of conspiracy, so you are advised to be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You are advised to avoid speaking in a harsh manner; otherwise you may face some litigation. You should avoid making investments in risky assets.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel happy. You may be enthusiastic and may start a new partnership, which may help you grow your business. Your seniors may appreciate your dedication towards work. You are likely to get a promotion in your current job. You may get incentives in terms of rewards. Job seekers can expect to get a new job. Singles are likely to find their soul mate with the help of relatives.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be busy at work. Your focus towards your goal may be tested many times. Your patience may help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication to work may be tested many times. You are likely to get some rewards as a result of hard work. You are likely to make investments in fixed assets also.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today your destiny may help you to get success in an easy way. You are likely to visit some religious place to seek peace of mind. You may spend time earning some intellectual or occult knowledge. Students may do well in their studies. Singles are likely to find a good match. Love birds may make some important decisions in terms of marriage.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may feel dull so it is advisable to exercise care against opponents and rivals. You are advised to avoid getting into arguments with seniors. You are advised to postpone investment plans in fixed assets for a while as it may turn into a dead investment. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to maintain harmony in their relationships.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may enjoy time with your family. You may spend some romantic moments with the spouse, which may boost your understanding with your spouse. You are likely to spend money in buying artefacts or household items to renovate your house. You may have fun at a party. You are advised to read the documents carefully before making investments in fixed assets.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you feel happy and energetic and may explore and analyse yourself, which may give you confidence. You are likely to be able to face any type of challenge, which may make you fearless and courageous. You are advised to keep patience in taking some financial decisions in business. Love birds may enjoy happy moments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is a good day for you. Your enthusiasm may be at the peak, so you need to regulate your enthusiasm. Self-analysis may help you to get confidence, which may raise your prestige in society. You will resolve many problems with the help of your communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculations before making investments. You may also plan for higher studies for a good career.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may not be able to enjoy your work life as well as family life. You are advised to avoid arrogance and ego to come in the way of communicating with your spouse else it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships are likely to be resolved. Singles are advised to avoid hurried decision making related to marriage. Only by being patient, you come out of a messy situation.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel enthusiastic and are likely to start some new innovations in the business, which may help your business grow in the near future. You may plan some renovation in the house and office using your own creativity. Your network may become strong now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be busy with family matters. You are likely to hear some good news from your family members. You are also busy with kids and may plan for kids' academics. Kids' health is likely to be good today. You are advised to be polite with the people around you; otherwise you may get into some harsh arguments.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(110% – 90%)Mary = 24lb
20%Mary = 24lb
Mary = 120lb

RIDDLER
1. Glad -> Lad,
2. Gold -> Old,
3. Grow -> Row,
4. Galley -> Alley

QUOTE UNCODE
If the human mind was simple enough to understand, we'd be too simple to understand it.

FAST FIVE

B	R	O	S	E
R	I	A	T	A
A	S	K	E	R
W	H	E	A	L
L	I	N	K	S

STRIKE OUT

S	O	R	T		W	I	G		O	S	S	A		
				H		E		A		H		O		C
			O	K	A	P	I	S		A	M	I	D	S	T
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QUICK

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												G	A	M

MENSA PUZZLE
X is 4; Y is 11, There are two alternate series. One is: 7 6 5 4
The other is: 8 9 10 11

BULL'S EYE
blue, blur, blurt, blurt, brut, brute, burl, rebut, rout, route, rule, tour, TROUBLE, true, tube, tuber

SUDOKU

5	6	9	2	4	8	3	1	7
1	8	7	5	3	9	2	6	4
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2	5	8	4	7	1	6	9	3
3	9	6	8	2	5	4	7	1
7	4	1	9	6	3	8	2	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ar, Ran, Ranee, Endear, Enraged.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 8 – 9 – 2 = 3
Medium
8 – 6 + 5 – 3 = 4
Hard
2 / 2 + 6 x 2 = 14

LOOP

KAKURO

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Walkouts and ovation for 'Crimes of the Future'

As David Cronenberg's 'Crimes of the Future' premiered at Cannes, dozens of people walked out midway through the horror-drama, but the movie also earned a seven-minute standing ovation

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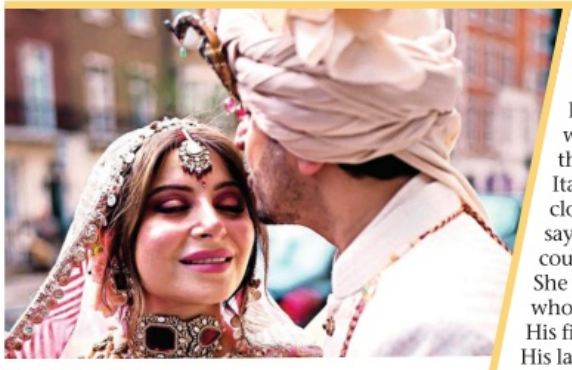
Another trip down the aisle

Divorced stars who decided to give marriage another shot

Marriage is forever, or so they say, but sometimes, it's never too long before happy marriages go South. But, no heartbreak can keep these famous men and women from taking the plunge till they finally find their happily ever after. From Kanika Kapoor getting hitched to her businessman beau and Travis Barker marrying Kourtney Kardashian, here's a list of celebs who have not let divorce stop them from taking another trip down the aisle...



Kanika Kapoor

Bollywood singer Kanika Kapoor tied the knot with businessman Gautam Hathiramani in an intimate wedding on May 20, in the presence of their family and close friends, in London. The singer, who has chartbuster songs like 'Baby Doll' and 'Chittiya Kalaiyan' to her credit, took to Instagram to share photos and videos from her wedding festivities that went on for three days. This is Kanika's second marriage. She was previously married to Raj Chandok, with whom she has three kids - Aayana, Samara and Yuvraj. Years after calling it quits on her marriage, Kanika found love again and reportedly dated Gautam for over a year before deciding to take the plunge again.

Travis Barker

Blink 182 drummer Travis Barker wed reality TV star Kourtney Kardashian after a two-year-long whirlwind romance. The couple took the plunge in an intimate ceremony in Italy in the presence of their families and close friends. This was their third nuptials after saying 'I do' in an unofficial LA ceremony and a court marriage. This is Kourtney's first marriage. She was in a relationship with Scott Disick, with whom she has three kids. Barker has been married twice. His first marriage, to Melissa Kennedy, lasted nine months. His last divorce, from Shanna Moakler, came in 2008. They wed in 2004 and share two teen kids.

Dia Mirza

Actress Dia Mirza gave love a second shot when she married businessman Vaibhav Rekhi in a private ceremony. This was a second marriage for both as Vaibhav was previously married to yoga instructor, Sunaina Rekhi while Dia was previously married to her long-time business partner Sahil Sangha. According to reports, the lovebirds got close during the lockdown. Months after they got hitched, Dia and Vaibhav were happy to announce the birth of their son, Avyaan.

Jennifer Lopez

Star couple Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck rekindled their romance after nearly two decades and announced their engagement in April 2022. Lopez and Affleck first dated after the movie 'Gigli'. They got engaged in November 2002 but never made it to the altar. Lopez called off the engagement in early 2004 and went on to marry singer Marc Anthony by June the same year. Affleck married his 'Daredevil' co-star Jennifer Garner in 2005. As the couple gets ready to wed, it will be the second marriage for Ben and the fourth wedding for JLo.

Farhan Akhtar

After calling off his 16-year marriage with celebrity hairstylist Adhuna Bhabani, Farhan found love again in the arms of Shibani Dandekar. The two wed early this year in an intimate house wedding after dating for over four years.

Action Queen with a heart of gold

Ragini Dwivedi, known as Action Queen of Sandalwood, celebrated her 32nd birthday on Tuesday by announcing her plan that she would continue acting not only Kannada but also other language movies for 10 more years. The actress, who has seen ups and downs in her career, recalled how she began her career without any support. "I began my journey in Sandalwood a decade ago and have struggled a lot all these years. I want to act in movies for 10 more years," she tells us with a smile.

Ragini also makes it clear that she would continue her philanthropic activities that she got into during the pandemic. "I am planning to set up an old age home for senior artistes of Kannada film industry. Initially, the home can accommodate 50 people," she says.

Recalling her association with persons from the transgender community during the pandemic, Ragini says she would continue to work for the welfare of community too. "We are planning to build a community centre for transgenders. We will strive to get them all amenities, including voter IDs," she says. She also asks people to accept transgenders with respect and dignity. "They too want similar rights that we have. Their needs are the same as ours," she says. Ragini has six movies on her plate– three Tamil, two Telugu and one Kannada. The actress is awaiting the release of her movie Sorry – Karma Returns made in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu and other languages.

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